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Director's Matters

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My years at AIP

Since becoming AIP's fifth chief executive on April 1, 2007, I have enjoyed communicating regularly with members of the AIP community and our many stakeholders through this weekly newsletter. This is my farewell column to the readers of *AIP Matters*. After having the privilege and honor of leading the institute for the last eight years, I turn over this responsibility to a distinguished colleague, Dr. Robert G.W. Brown, who becomes AIP's new chief executive officer on Monday, June 1, 2015.

During my tenure, I have worked closely with AIP's board chair, Lou Lanzerotti, and many board members to manage significant change in AIP's publishing operations and to help guide our recent changes in governance. When I joined AIP's leadership team, the total number of staff was nearly 500, with the majority of staff supporting AIP's publishing activities in Melville, NY. We were fortunate to attract the leadership of John Haynes in 2009 to bring about the necessary transformation of this important function, guided by the board. In 2011, AIP renewed its commitment to its original publishing mission and phased out publishing services to non-member societies, so that the institute could focus on its own portfolio and on the journals of its Member Society publishing partners. Two years later (in February 2013), the board spun off AIP Publishing as a wholly owned subsidiary to optimize the governance of this essential AIP resource.

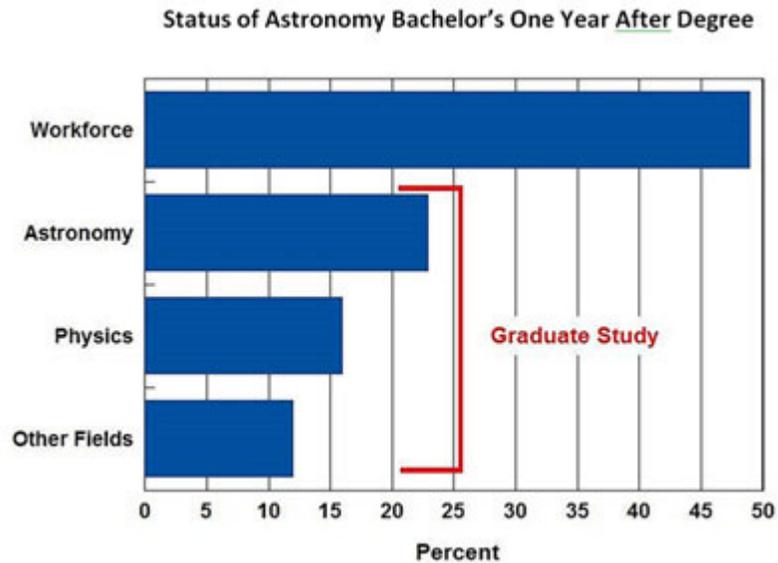


From the left: Past AIP chief executives Ken Ford and Marc Brodsky with outgoing CEO Fred Dylla.

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What can you do with an astronomy degree?

Increasing astronomy enrollments in the United States have resulted in record numbers of students receiving astronomy degrees in recent years.



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The Washington Post runs its first Inside Science article



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[The Washington Post ran its first-ever Inside Science piece](#), an article by Joel Shurkin on how the marching patterns of ants display traffic management techniques that surpass those of humans. The piece appeared both online and in the May 26, 2015, print edition of the newspaper, in the Health & Science section.

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Meet the 2015 SPS National Interns

SPS welcomed 12 undergraduates from schools across the country to the Washington, DC, area for 10-week science, policy and outreach internships. [Read more.](#)

Member Society Spotlight

AAPT and the 2015 US Physics Team



For the past two weeks, AAPT has been immersed with the [US Physics Team](#)—the brightest of the bright high school physics students from across the country—who have distinguished themselves in the national physics competition of 4,390 students. The 20 top scorers convened for their intensive physics training boot camp at the University of Maryland for special instruction on difficult physics concepts in the classroom and in the laboratory.

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Members of the traveling team.

Coming Up

June 1

- Dr. Robert G.W. Brown joins AIP as new Chief Executive Officer
- All-staff welcome lunch for Dr. Brown, 11:30 am.

June 3

- TIAA CREF one-on-one counseling sessions (College Park)
- Retirement celebration for Terri Braun, Vice President, Human Resources, 3 pm. All staff are welcome to attend. (College Park)

June 4

- Corporate Associates Advisory Committee meeting (College Park)

June 5-7

- AIP Board of Directors retreat (Williamsburg, VA)

June 10

- Retirement celebration for Fred Dylla, Executive Director & CEO, 3 pm. All staff are welcome to attend. (College Park)

June 12

- SPS Executive Committee meeting (College Park)

June 22-24

- AAPT/APS/AAS New Faculty Workshop (College Park)

July 3

- AIP and AIP Publishing closed for the July 4 holiday weekend (College Park and Melville)

July 12-16

- AAPM 57th Annual Meeting (Anaheim, CA)

July 25-29

- ACA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)
- AAPT Summer Meeting (College Park, MD)

Through July 31

- SPS Summer interns in Washington, DC, area